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FWS DIRECTOR TO VISIT MEXICO

Albert M. Day, Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, will leave Washington on December 4 for Mexico City for a series of conferences with Mexican Government officials to explore the possibility of closer cooperation between the two governments on problems pertaining to continental waterfowl populations,

Mr. Day will be accompanied by Dr. Logan Bennett, chief, Branch of Wildlife Research, and David R. Gascovne, assistant chief, Division of Game Management. T. G. Belcher, U. S. Embassy, Mexico City, and Milton J. Lindner, chief of the United States Fishery Mission to Mexico, have made arrangements for the discussions and will participate in them.

The conferences will concern methods of correlating studies and findings made on waterfowl from the breeding grounds in Alaska and Canada, through the United States, and into the wintering grounds of the birds in Mexico and Central America.

"Since a large proportion of the waterfowl of the Pacific and Central flyways spend the winter in Mexico, the management of the resource should be closely correlated as far as the two countries are concerned," said Mr. Day.

"The Canadian and United States regulations for the hunting of migratory waterfowl are fully discussed by the officials of these two countries prior to their issuance and close cooperation in studies on the breeding grounds and the handling of enforcement work along the U. S.-Canadian border is maintained. I sincerely hope that a similar pattern of cooperation can be developed in Mexico."